

GOP Chief Challenges Ike on Cuba

**Miller Asks: Did He Plan
U.S. Air Aid for Invasion?**

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WASHINGTON. The new GOP national chairman may force former top officials of the Eisenhower administration to affirm or disavow his charge that they approved the use of U.S. force in the planned invasion of Cuba.

Rep. William E. Miller (R-N.Y.) posed the inevitable question for Mr. Eisenhower and former Vice President Richard M. Nixon with a statement that President Kennedy mistakenly "rescinded and revoked" a plan for U.S. air cover of the Cuban exiles who failed in an invasion attempt in April.

Sources familiar with the investigation of the Cuban misadventure now say that the Eisenhower administration had approved plans for the use of U.S. force "on a contingency basis."

Mr. Eisenhower, however, had never actually given a go-ahead to the employment of American force, they add. The invasion plans had not reached this point of decision in his administration, they say.

WHEN President Kennedy, shortly after taking office, had reviewed the plans for trying to move a force of Cuban exiles ashore, he canceled them. When the problem of what to do with

the Cuban exiles, then in an advanced stage of training, was put to him, he asked that plans be drawn up for them, but specifically vetoed any U.S. intervention.

A short time before the actual invasion attempt was made, it was discovered that the plan for a single air strike by U.S. planes against the Castro air force was still contemplated.

Mr. Kennedy promptly canceled out this plan to avoid any role by strictly American forces.

MILLER'S revival of the Cuban issue has saddened some GOP politicians who felt that the Kennedy administration's failure in Cuba provided them with enough political ammunition.

To contend that the Eisenhower administration contemplated active intervention, in violation of treaty obligations, will tend to dilute their criticism and offer the Democrats a potent counter.

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